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1. The following shipments were assembled in or passed through Dresden-Friedrichstadt (N 52/F 29) during the time of observation:
 - a. 534 tank cars with crude oil from Bistersdorf (P 49/J 63) to Krumpa (N 52/D 80).
 - About the same number of empty tank cars going in the opposite direction.
 - b. 551 railroad cars of potash leaving for Czechoslovakia.
 - c. There was a very dense traffic situation during the month of observation. The schedule was changed on 2 October 1949. Passenger traffic was considerably restricted by a decision of 15 October 1949, effective 17 October 1949. However, this restriction was revoked a few days later.
2. Shipments of barracks buildings still come from Austria. They have the following address: Major Vasiliev, Chemnitz (N 51/K 86) railroad station of destination, Dresden (N 52/F 29) railroad administration.
3. About 20 railroad cars of reparation shipments leave daily for the East.
4. The wood shipments to the Balkans were resumed. (About 15 cars are passing through daily).
5. The shipments are escorted by Soviet zone German police.
6. Shipments from the former Niedervorthera (N 52/F 19) power plant are guarded by details of the Soviet Army.
7. There are still frequent scrap shipments to Czechoslovakia (at least 30 cars daily). Recently, 20 empty railroad cars come daily from Czechoslovakia to Berlin-Tempelhof (N 53/Z 84) to be loaded with scrap.

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9. There is still a shortage of boxcars. No boxcars are allotted to civilian traffic. All released cars are examined as to their transit capacity and sent to Rue (N 51/L 53). The Dresden-Friedrichstadt railroad station had the following rail movements:

September:	63,407	incoming cars
	59,374	outgoing cars
	4,033	remaining cars (Zusatzanlage)
October:	62,903	incoming cars
	58,792	outgoing cars
	4,117	remaining cars (Zusatzanlage).

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a. The crude oil shipment coming from Zistersdorf reported in para 1a is destined for the mineral oil refinery in Krumpalutzkendorf (N 52/E 80). This refinery has a monthly capacity for processing of 10,000 tons of crude oil, to be processed mostly into lubricating oil. The shipment of 543 cars of crude oil indicated in this report therefore, was probably sufficient to fully supply this refinery for the month of October 1949.

b. The barracks buildings reported in para 2 were probably meant for the uranium district south of Chemnitz.

c. The shipments from the former Niedzwartza Power Plant reported in para 6 probably refer to transformers set up after the dismantling of the power plant. The installation of the power plant itself was dismantled in 1945 and allegedly reconstructed in the Caucasus area.

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